

CALENDAR

January

- 6 NAL Board Meeting,
6:30 pm
- 5 Cat Guardians Set Up
- 7-10 Pick Up Holiday Show, Drop
Off "Shortcuts"
- 7 Cat Guardians Opening
- 10 Cat Guardians silent Auction
1:00—4:00 pm
- 12 Hang "Shortcuts"
- 23 Fourth Friday 7:00-9:00 pm
- 28-31 Pick Up "Shortcuts" and
Drop off "Fabulous Fakes"

February

- 2 Hang "Fabulous Fakes"
- 3 NAL Board Meeting,
6:30 pm
- 8 "Fabulous Fakes" Reception
2:00—4:00 pm
- 25-28 Pick up "Fabulous Fakes"
- 27 Fourth Friday 7:00-9:00 pm

Mark Your Calendars!

See You on Our Fourth Fridays!

REMINDER:

Please pick up your work from the gallery after the monthly show. Work left for more than 10 NAL business days will be considered property of NAL.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Members and Friends,
Happy New Year!

After a quiet close to 2015, January is off to roaring start. Fourth Fridays will return this month with some serious New Orleans style. We'll meet on January 23rd at 7:00 pm for some traditional foods, music and shenanigans when Mardi Gras comes early to NAL. If you haven't been to a Fourth Friday at NAL, this is a good time to start, so mark your calendar for Jan. 23rd.

The high energy continues in February with the popular Fabulous Fakes exhibit. Artists give a wink to their favorite old masters' works and add their own personal twist. Join your friends at the reception on Feb. 8 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. March brings the 11th annual public art competition, themed "Transition." You will find more details on page 2 of this newsletter. I encourage you to participate in this event benefiting Naperville Art League and Loaves & Fishes Community Pantry.

Looking ahead a little bit further, it's time to talk about the slate of officers for the board election in May. For the health of our organization, we need a balance of newer members

and veterans. People with a variety of skill sets and background experiences will blend together to move us forward. Maybe it's time to toss your hat in the ring. Or maybe you have an idea for a great candidate. If it isn't time for a board position, please watch the newsletter for other opportunities to work on short-term projects. We really appreciate the wisdom, heart and good humor shared when members work together.

Here's to a year rich in friendship to sustain you, good work to challenge you and experiences to inspire you.

My Best Regards,
Penny Coffman



BOARD NOTES

AFA Delegate: A volunteer responded to the ad in the last newsletter and will begin her role as NAL's AFA delegate at their next board meeting.

Website: A web master is needed to handle our web needs. The board agreed to look within our membership and also outside of it.

Renovations: We are moving ahead with the flooring and plan to have it installed by May.

Public Art Competition: In conjunction with Loaves & Fishes Community Pantry, NAL will host the "Transition" Public Art Competition March 11–March 21 with a reception and award ceremony March 15 2:00—4:00 pm.

Fourth Friday: Plans are in the works to host a Mardi Gras event for this month's event. Decorations, music and menu will support the theme. PR will include facebook and Meet Up.

Holiday Show: An official accounting of the Gallery of Gifts will be presented at the February Board meeting. We will be looking for a new chairperson for 2015, ideally someone not on the board.

Annual Appeal: Our generous members donated \$1,400 in response to our plea.

Elections: It is time to begin the recruitment process for the NAL board's slate of officers.

Special Exhibit: People's Resource Center would once again like to hold a special exhibit in our gallery on a weekend in May.

Publicity: A group of grad students from DePaul may be working with NAL on a Google marketing project funded by Google. There is no cost to us and we could benefit greatly if selected. A second meeting will be scheduled for further discussion.



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5:00 pm–6:30 pm

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www.napervilleartleague.com
And Click On Classes

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For details
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CONTACT US!

If you have information you would like to appear in the NAL Newsletter, please submit via e-mail at Naperartleague@aol.com, by fax at 630-355.3071, call Debbie at 630-355-2530 or send it to the gallery at 508 N. Center St., Naperville, IL 60563. Items must be received by the end of the month in order to appear in the next month's newsletter and are accepted on a first come, first served basis as space is limited.

TRANSITION PUBLIC ART COMPETITION

The call for artists is now for NAL's Public Art Competition. This year, NAL is partnering with Loaves & Fishes Community Pantry for our competition open to anyone high school age and above. All art must be the artist's personal, original interpretation of the theme, "Transition." Cash prizes will be awarded for Best of Show and Awards of Excellence. Merit awards receive ribbons. Art (with permission) may be published on Loaves & Fishes note cards with all proceeds going to Loaves & Fishes Community Services.

Award reception will be held Sun., Mar. 15 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Naperville Fine Art Center & Gallery, 508 N. Center St, Naperville. Exhibit runs from Mar. 11 - Mar. 21. An entry form is available at the Gallery or online at napervilleartleague.com. Here are some key points:

- NAL membership is not required to participate.
- Competition is open to high school students, college students and adults.
- Work must be original in concept and execu-

tion and made within the last 3 years.

- Entry form and artist's statement explaining how piece relates to theme (max. 100 words) must accompany art.
- 2D or 3D art in any media is acceptable.
- Maximum size for 2D is 36" x 48" for outside frame edges. Must have a wire hanger.
- Maximum size for 3D is 48" high by 36" wide, weighing no more than 100 lbs. Must be free-standing and ready to display.
- Entry fee \$15; \$10 for NAL members.
- NAL reserves the right to refuse any piece.
- Entry deadline is Feb. 21.
- All work must be picked up within one week following the closing of the exhibit. Pieces not picked up by April 4, 2015 become the property of NAL.

Application available at www.napervilleartleague.com. Questions? Please call 630.355.2530.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

The work of **Geri Greenman** will be featured at at the "Whimsy Encore" exhibit at the Norris Cultural Arts Center, 1040 Dunham Rd., St. Charles from Jan. 10 through Feb. 28, 2015. This display showcases fanciful and fantastic artistic creations in any medium or genre. Call 630-584-7200 for more info.

Paintings and photographs by artists **Mary Dorrell** and Thomas King will be featured in a 2-person exhibition titled "Exposed" at the Arts on Elston, 3446 N. Albany Ave, Chicago, IL 60618. The Opening Reception is set for Sat., Jan. 31, 2015 from 2:00 to 6:00 pm, Closing Reception is Sun., Feb. 1, 2015 from 2:00 to 6:00 pm. For more info call 312.914.1596 or visit www.TheArtHouse.us.

2014 Public Art Competition Notecards featuring the work of **Cynthia Boudreau, Eric S. Dinse, Kay McKinlay Ford, Steve Jones, Charles Heinrich, Maureen McKee, Neal Pradzynski, Ian Wallace and Jane Wilcoxson** are available for sale at the NFAC&G for \$10/set of 10 cards. Proceeds benefit Loaves & Fishes and Naperville Art League.

The work of **Frank M. Jackowiak** will be featured at Burning Bush Gallery's current exhibit, "Horse With No Name: Photographic Exploration of Burning Man" through February 15.

Located at 224 N. Main Street, Wheaton, IL, the gallery will be open on Sundays: 10:00 am - 12:30 pm, Wednesdays: 6:00 - 7:00 pm, Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, or by appointment 708-705-8669.

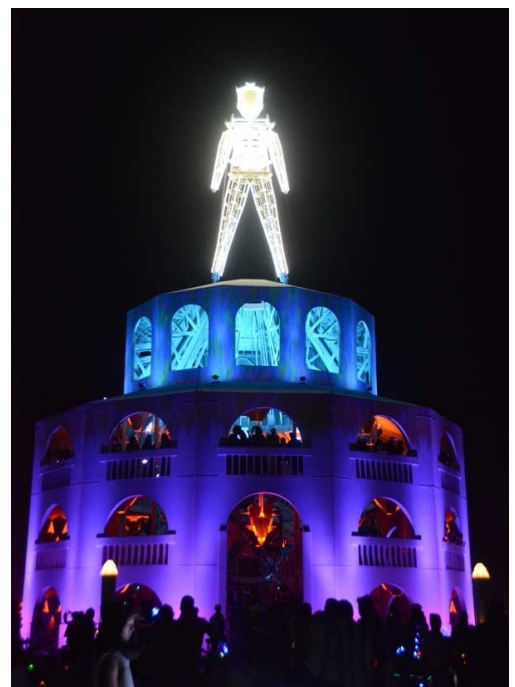


EXHIBIT & EVENT NEWS

Happy New Year! Is one of your resolutions to create something for an upcoming Gallery exhibit or to visit the Gallery to see what's new or to attend a Fourth Friday event or to take an art class? Whatever you resolve, I hope art enriches your year.

The Gallery of Gifts holiday show report will be in next month's newsletter. This year's NAL revenue exceeded last year's, which means collectively the artists did well. Thanks to the many volunteers who made the event a success!

Thanks also to the NAL teachers who brought in art for the Give the Gift of a Class show at the end of 2014. More emphasis is being placed on lining up and promoting classes.

It is now an opportune time to refresh our on-site gift shop. Holiday items have been cleared out and you are invited to bring in new, small items to sell. The greeting card rack has open slots for Valentines and other cards, the art bins are ready for new prints, and we have some shelf and glass case room. Questions? Call the Gallery.

"Shortcuts," our next member show runs from January 14 to 31. Also mark your calendar for the Jan. 23 Fourth Friday evening social gathering.

Fabulous Fakes is the theme for the February 4-28 member show. Do your own interpretation of another artist's work. Consider adding a clever twist or working in a different medium. You could also do an original in another artist's style. This popular, annual show draws many visitors and the attention of the media. Drop off is Jan. 29-31. This is the one show where you must adhere to the theme. See below for other rules. Artists/awards reception is February 8 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

Fabulous Fakes Rules: * Submitted work must adhere to theme. * Your piece does not have to

be for sale. * Exact copies may not be for sale unless the original artist has been dead for 70 years or longer and you can verify the original is no longer protected under copyright agreements. * Submit a printed image of the original with your art. This will go in the judge's referral notebook. Be sure to include the name of the original artist and title of the original work.

The annual Public Art Competition is on the horizon. Themed "Transition," this contest is open to the public and cash prizes will be awarded. Rules are in the information flyer which is available on line or at the Gallery. Deadline is February 21 and the show runs March 11-21 with the awards reception on Sunday, March 15 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. We are again partnering with Loaves & Fishes Community Services to promote the event and the services our organizations provide. A non-perishable food drive is part of the plan. This is an opportunity to introduce artist friends to NAL so please help promote it.

Future show theme: the late March/April member show will be themed Encounters.

Art Auction planning is beginning. If you would like to serve on the committee, please contact Debbie at the Gallery asap. Tentative date for the fundraiser is the end of April. We will also be asking for donations of art items.

As you plan 2015, consider subscribing to a gallery page on NAL's website. For only \$25 your information will be readily accessible to art enthusiasts. For artists who already have their own website, this provides another point of visibility and a link to your site.

Here's to a colorful 2015!

Linda VanderKolk
Exhibit Director

HELP WANTED

Seeking motivated individuals to serve on NAL's Board of Directors. Ideal candidates must have the desire to work with a dedicated group and be willing to participate in creative concepts and the forward growth of the organization. Business or

marketing background or a sense of humor is a plus. Must be able to attend monthly evening meetings and have the flexibility to oversee various projects. Interested parties may call the gallery for more details.

UPCOMING EXHIBITS

January: Shortcuts
February: Fabulous Fakes
March: AFA Student Exhibit

March: "Transition" Public Art Competition
March: Encounters

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Fourth Friday Extravaganza!

Countdown to Mardi Gras

Friday, January 23
6:30-9:00 pm

Featuring Charlie & the Band

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Jan 23, 2015
Naperville Art League

6:30 pm
508 N. Center St.

- * **Authentic food** - the real deal
- * **Live music** - room to dance
- * Prize for the **Tackiest Tee Shirt!**
- * Mardi Gras style **souvenirs**
- * **Make your own** mask or crown
- * **Photo op** spot just for fun
- * Chance to **"adopt a crawfish"**
- * Costumes **always appropriate**



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